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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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13 PREMIER FABRICS, INC., a New York  
Corporation,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.  
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17 FINESSE APPAREL, INC., a California  
18 Corporation; DIAMANTE TEXTILE, a  
California Business of Form Unknown;  
19 DEB SHOPS, LLC, a Pennsylvania  
20 Limited Liability Company; and DOES  
21 1 through 10,

22 Defendants.  
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Case No.:

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR:

1. COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT;
2. VICARIOUS AND/OR CONTRIBUTORY COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Jury Trial Demanded

1 Plaintiff PREMIER FABRICS, INC., by and through its undersigned attorneys,  
2 hereby prays to this honorable Court for relief as follows:

3 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C., § 101  
5 *et seq.*

6 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and  
7 1338 (a) and (b).

8 3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) and  
9 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and  
10 omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

11 **PARTIES**

12 4. Plaintiff PREMIER FABRICS, INC. ("PREMIER") is a corporation  
13 existing under the laws of the state of New York.

14 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant  
15 FINESSE APPAREL, INC., ("FINESSE") is a corporation organized and existing  
16 under the laws of the state of California.

17 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant  
18 DIAMANTE TEXTILE ("DIAMANTE") is a business entity of unknown form  
19 organized and existing under the laws of the state of California, and is doing  
20 business in and with the state of California.

21 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant DEB  
22 SHOPS, LLC, ("DEB"), is a limited liability company organized and existing under  
23 the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, and is doing business in and with the state of  
24 California

25 8. Defendants DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, are other parties not yet  
26 identified who have infringed Plaintiff's copyrights, have contributed to the  
27 infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights, or have engaged in one or more of the  
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1 wrongful practices alleged herein. The true names, whether corporate, individual or  
2 otherwise, of Defendants 1 through 10, inclusive, are presently unknown to Plaintiff,  
3 which therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names, and will seek leave to  
4 amend this Complaint to show their true names and capacities when same have been  
5 ascertained.

6 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times  
7 relevant hereto each of the Defendants was the agent, affiliate, officer, director,  
8 manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was  
9 at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship  
10 and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and  
11 adopted, or both, each and all of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of  
12 all the facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each  
13 and every violation of Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately  
14 caused thereby.

15 **CLAIM RELATED TO DESIGN 3686**

16 10. Prior to the conduct complained of herein, Plaintiff composed an original  
17 two-dimensional artwork for purposes of textile printing, which is set forth  
18 hereinbelow. It allocated this artwork Plaintiff's internal design number 3686  
19 (hereinafter the "Subject Design"). This artwork was a creation of Plaintiff's design  
20 team, and is, and at all relevant times was, owned exclusively by Plaintiff.

21 11. Plaintiff applied for and received a United States Copyright Registration  
22 for the Subject Design.

23 12. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff sampled and sold fabric  
24 bearing Subject Design to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries. A  
25 true and correct image of the Subject Design is presented below:  
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Subject Design:

13. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, following this distribution of fabric bearing the Subject Design by Plaintiff, FINESSE, DIAMANTE, DEB, and certain DOE Defendants created, sold, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported and distributed fabric or garments comprised of fabric bearing an unauthorized reproduction of Subject Design (“Subject Product”). Such Subject Product includes but is not limited to the DEB garments sold under, *inter alia*, Style No. 1000057041. Such Subject Products bore the labeling indicating that said garments were manufactured by, caused to be manufactured by, or supplied by FINESSE. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that said Subject



Product was supplied to FINESSE by DIAMANTE. See below for true and correct images of one such garment and tags:



14. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, have committed copyright infringement with actual or constructive knowledge of Plaintiff's rights and/or in blatant disregard for Plaintiff's rights, such that said acts of copyright infringement were, and continue to be, willful, intentional and malicious, subjecting Defendants, and each of them, to liability for statutory damages under Section 504(c)(2) of the Copyright Act in the sum of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per infringement.

15. A comparison of the Subject Design and each non-exclusive exemplar of Subject Product makes apparent that the elements, composition, arrangement, layout, and appearance of the designs are substantially similar.

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**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(For Copyright Infringement – Against All Defendants, and Each)

16. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

17. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, had access to Subject Design, including, without limitation, through (a) access to Plaintiff's showroom and/or design library; (b) access to illegally distributed copies of the Subject Design by third-party vendors and/or DOE Defendants, including without limitation international and/or overseas converters and printing mills; (c) access to Plaintiff's strike-offs and samples, and (d) garments manufactured and sold to the public bearing fabric lawfully printed with the Subject Design by Plaintiff for its customers.

18. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that one or more of the Defendants manufactures garments and/or is a garment vendor. Plaintiff is further informed and believes and thereon alleges that said Defendant(s) has an ongoing business relationship with Defendant retailers, and each of them, and supplied garments to said retailer, which garments infringed the Subject Design in that said garments were composed of fabric which featured unauthorized print design(s) that were identical or substantially similar to the Subject Design, or were an illegal derivation or modification thereof.

19. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyright by creating, making, and/or developing directly infringing and/or derivative works from the Subject Design and by producing, distributing and/or selling garments which infringe the Subject Design through a nationwide network of retail stores, catalogues, and through on-line websites.

1           20. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered substantial  
2 damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial.

3           21. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered general and  
4 special damages in an amount to be established at trial.

5           22. Due to Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged herein,  
6 Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would  
7 not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the Subject Design. As  
8 such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits directly and  
9 indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the Subject Design in an  
10 amount to be established at trial.

11           23. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and  
12 each of them, have committed acts of copyright infringement, as alleged above,  
13 which were willful, intentional and malicious, which further subjects Defendants,  
14 and each of them, to liability for statutory damages under Section 504(c)(2) of the  
15 Copyright Act in the sum of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per  
16 infringement. Within the time permitted by law, Plaintiff will make its election  
17 between actual damages and statutory damages.

18                           **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

19           (For Vicarious and/or Contributory Copyright Infringement - Against All  
20 Defendants)

21           24. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates herein by reference as though  
22 fully set forth, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this  
23 Complaint.

24           25. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants  
25 knowingly induced, participated in, aided and abetted in and profited from the illegal  
26 reproduction and/or subsequent sales of garments featuring the Subject Design as  
27 alleged herein.

1           26. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and  
 2 each of them, are vicariously liable for the infringement alleged herein because they  
 3 had the right and ability to supervise the infringing conduct and because they had a  
 4 direct financial interest in the infringing conduct.

5           27. By reason of the Defendants', and each of their, acts of contributory and  
 6 vicarious infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to  
 7 suffer substantial damages to its business in an amount to be established at trial, as  
 8 well as additional general and special damages in an amount to be established at  
 9 trial.

10           28. Due to Defendants', and each of their, acts of copyright infringement as  
 11 alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect  
 12 profits they would not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the  
 13 Subject Design. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits  
 14 directly and indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the Subject  
 15 Design, in an amount to be established at trial.

16           29. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and  
 17 each of them, have committed acts of copyright infringement, as alleged above,  
 18 which were willful, intentional and malicious, which further subjects Defendants,  
 19 and each of them, to liability for statutory damages under Section 504(c)(2) of the  
 20 Copyright Act in the sum of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per  
 21 infringement. Within the time permitted by law, Plaintiff will make its election  
 22 between actual damages and statutory damages.

### 23                           **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

24           Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

#### 25                                   **Against All Defendants**

26           30. With Respect to Each Claim for Relief



- a. That Defendants, each of them, and their agents and employees be enjoined from infringing Plaintiff's copyrights in any manner, specifically those for the Subject Design;
- b. That a constructive trust be imposed over the Infringing Product and any revenues derived from their sales;
- c. That Defendants, and each of them, account to Plaintiff for their profits and any damages sustained by Plaintiff arising from the foregoing acts of infringement, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- d. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the Copyright Act U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- e. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- f. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and
- g. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38 and the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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Dated: February 10, 2015

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